Quantitative Approaches in Economic History

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Selected readings

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Dell, Melissa, “the persistent effects of Peru’s mining Mita,” *Econometrica* (2010)

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Hornbeck and Naidu, AER 2014
Miller, ReStat 2020
Carruthers and Wanamaker, JOLE 2017
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Margo 2016
Eriksson, JHR 2020
Derenoncourt, et al., WP 2021

4. Immigration – economics


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7. Segregation and public health in cities


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Bailey, Sun and Timpe, AER 2021

9. Social mobility in historical perspective


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### 10. Social mobility and inequality


Feigenbaum, James, “Intergenerational Mobility during the Great Depression,” working paper (2015)


Connor, Dylan, and Michael Storper, “The changing geography of social mobility in the United States” (PNAS 2020) [link]